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**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**AUGUST 22, 2012**  
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The North Providence School Committee met on August 22, 2012 at 5:40 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mrs. Reall, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva. Also present were Superintendent Ryan, Mr. Goho and Mr. Scungio. Mr. McNamee and Mr. Tedeschi were present for the Regular Session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to go into open session at 5:40 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**The Chair called the meeting to order.**

## **II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.**

**III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION+ MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).**

**The Chair reported that there was on vote taken in Executive Session to sustain an appeal for an intra-district transfer.**

## **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.**

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.**

**No comments were received.**

**The Chair, hearing no objection, moved New Business up on the Agenda.**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS.**

### **4. Appointments.**

**Superintendent Ryan asked the Committee to grant advice and consent of the following appointments: Vanessa Puccio – Elementary Teacher – Grade 5 Whelan Elementary School 1st Step/BA Effective August 27, 2012, James Curtis – School-based Coordinator Effective – 2012-2013 School Year (Pending Grant Funding), Angela Brasil – Assistant Superintendent’s Secretary Effective a date to be determined, and Lori Facha – Assistant Principal – Birchwood Middle School Effective August 27, 2012. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Palmieri, Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-08-19. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the appointments as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried unanimous consent.**

### **3. Leaves of Absence.**

**Superintendent Ryan asked the Committee to grant advice and consent for the following leaves of absence: Christopher Swiczewicz – Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach for a Leave of Absence (1 year only) for the 2012/2013 Season, Danielle Tiernan – Special Education Teacher – Paid FMLA Leave Effective August 27, 2012 through November 30, 2012, Joanne Lynch- Grade 4 Elementary Teacher – Greystone Elementary School – Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective 2012/2013 School Year and Jillian Ruggerio – Pre-K Teacher – Greystone Elementary School – Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective August 27, 2012 through November 2, 2012. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 12-08-18. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Leave of Absence requests as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **1. Bids.**

**Superintendent Ryan recommended that the bids for School Physician be awarded to Dr. Alario for a three year period from 2013-2015, School Dentist be awarded to Dr. D'Amato for a three year**

period from 2013 – 2015, Before and After School Day Care be awarded to Kids Klub, Inc. for a three year period from 2013-2015, Nursing Services to be awarded as submitted, and Occupational Therapy to be awarded as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 12-08-16. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to award the bids as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **2. Resignations.**

Superintendent Ryan asked for the Committee to grant advice and consent to the following resignations: Sharon Corsi – Assistant Superintendent's Secretary – Effective July 27, 2012 and Janice Hennigar – Principal's Secretary – NPHS Effective August 1, 2012. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 12-08-17. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to accept the resignations as presented by the Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **1. Monthly Financial Report.**

**Superintendent Ryan asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the August 2012 Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 12-08-10. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the August 2012 Monthly Financial Report as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **2. Home Schooling.**

**Superintendent Ryan asked the Committee to grant advice and consent of the approval of the home schooling requests as submitted. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 12-08-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the Home Schooling Requests by submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Craig Donatelli for Brooke Donatelli – Grade 7, Ms. Patricia Ross for Mason Ross – Grade 7 and Nathaniel Ross – Grade 9, Ms. Tammy Orsini for Alayna Dorothy Orsini Grade 2 and Mr. & Mrs. James Wallace for Isabel Wallace – Grade 10 and Andrew Wallace – Grade 12. A roll call**

**vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.**

### **3. Field Trips.**

**No field trip requests were received.**

### **4. Standing Orders.**

**Superintendent Ryan recommended approval of the Standing Orders as required by law. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 12-08-13. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Standing Orders as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Mr. Ryan thanked Dr. Olerio and the nurse teachers for their work on the Orders.**

### **5. OCR Policy (Harrassment/Bullying)**

**Superintendent Ryan announced that the OCR Policy is being presented for a 1st Reading.**

### **6. Northeast Bus Company, Inc. Contract.**

**Superintendent Ryan recommended approval of the Bus Contract as presented. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-08-15. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee approve the Northeast Bus Company, Inc. Contract as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, and the Chair, aye. Mr. Iannetta abstained from the vote. The motion carried by a vote of 6 ayes with one abstention.**

## **7. NPHS NEASC Report Findings.**

**Mr. Goho highlighted the findings of the NEASC Report. Members of the School Committee offered comments and congratulations. Mr. Goho spoke about the dedication of the teachers and how inspiring they are. He thanked the members of the School Committee and all of his dedicated colleagues.**

## **VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.**

### **1. Allowing Parents to Volunteer Moving Their Children Based on Overages – Mr. Palmieri.**

**Mr. Palmieri spoke about the intra-district transfer policy and**



suggested that the assistant superintendent look at it to allow the parents to move their child/children to a school that does not have overages. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mrs. Picard to request that the administration review the policy keeping Mr. Palmieri's suggestions in mind and present a plan to the Committee. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **2. Discussion of Collecting Additional Revenues From Schools – Mr. Palmieri.**

Mr. Palmieri spoke about the feasibility of soliciting donors interested in placing their names on property such as school fields in exchange for substantial monetary donations. He requested that legal counsel research possible ways to facilitate the acceptance of donations for the purpose of raising additional revenues.

## **VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE**

No requests were received.

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

**No Old Business was presented.**

## **XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS**

**Superintendent Ryan recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests submitted which were not previously approved, based on School Committee Policy, availability and the request meeting all the necessary conditions. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 12-08-20. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Superintendent Ryan recommended approval of August 2012 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-08-21. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to**

**approve and pay the August 2012 List of Bills in the amount of \$512,293.54. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 12-08-22. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the July 25, 2012 Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 12-08-22. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Minutes of the July 25, 2012 School Committee Meeting as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.**

**Public comments were received.**

## **XV. PENDING BUSINESS**

**No pending business was discussed.**

## **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Margie Caranci**

**Recording Secretary of the North Providence**

**School Committee**

**Date Submitted to Committee:**

**Date Approved by the Committee:**